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**PROCEEDING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
COUNTY OF JEFFERSON, STATE OF MONTANA
June 26, 2007**

Present: Commissioners Weber and Notbohm; Tara Mastel, JLDC; Sam Little, Weed Supervisor; Garry Pace, County Superintendent; Jan Anderson, *Boulder Monitor/Jefferson County Courier*; Marga Lincoln, *Helena Independent Record*; Caroleen Vaughn, Ernie Kenison, Dee Anna, Judy Saarinen

Absent: Commissioner Lytghoe

MINUTES

Commissioner Weber moved to approve the minutes of May 1. Commissioner Notbohm seconded. The motion carried.

Commissioner Weber moved to approve the minutes of May 29. Commissioner Notbohm seconded. The motion carried.

Commissioner Weber moved to approve the minutes of June 12. Commissioner Notbohm seconded. The motion carried.

CALENDAR REVIEW

6/27 Meeting with Gene Leuwer - Helena - 9:00
6/28 Meeting at MACo regarding CREBs - 10:00
Solid Waste board - 7:00

COMMISSION REPORTS

OFFICE EQUIPMENT

Commissioner Weber reported that he and his assistant went to Davis Business Machines to look at options for new office equipment.

SALARY COMPENSATION COMMITTEE

Commissioner Weber reported that the salary compensation committee met on Thursday. It was

decided to give the elected officials and their deputies a 12% increase, along with an increase in COLA of 3.2% and longevity.

ZONING COMMISSION

Commissioner Weber reported the main topic of discussion at the zoning commission meeting is a signing ordinance. For the next meeting, they will be touring the Bompert property with an eye to looking for a site for water treatment.

RMDC

Commissioner Notbohm stated that at the RMDC meeting on Thursday, they heard a presentation from educators in Boulder regarding starting a Head Start program in Boulder. They will be working on getting a program developed for the Boulder/Basin area.

CORRESPONDENCE

Commissioner Weber stated that a non-corporate resolution form has been presented by the Treasurer for signature by himself. The form is for Investment Centers of America, Inc., and is required by First Boulder Valley Bank, where the County does the majority of its banking.

ITEMS FOR COMMISSIONERS ACTION OR REVIEW

SIGN BANKING CONTRACT

A contract with First Boulder Valley Bank for banking services was presented for signature. Commissioner Weber moved to sign the contract. Commissioner Notbohm seconded. The motion carried.

APPOINT BOARD MEMBERS

Commissioner Weber stated that Jennifer Wise has requested to be re-appointed to the Library Board. No other applications have been submitted. Commissioner Weber moved to reappoint Jennifer Wise to the Library Board. Commissioner Notbohm seconded. The motion carried.

DISCUSS AND DECIDE ON CONSULTING ENGINEERING AGREEMENT WITH MATNEY-FRANTZ FOR CREBs

Commissioner Weber stated that this decision will be put off until a later time. Tara Mastel noted that there will be a meeting at MACo on Thursday to discuss CREBs. Commissioner Weber stated that he will attend and will get more information at that time.

RESOLUTION 15-2007 CULTURAL GRANT PARTNER RESOLUTION

Caroleen Vaughn stated that she recently heard that Preserve America has reached its benchmark 500th Preserve America community. This resolution is needed if the County wants to apply for Preserve America grants in the future.

Commissioner Weber read the resolution as follows:

RESOLUTION 15-2007

CULTURAL GRANT PARTNER RESOLUTION TO PARTICIPATE IN AND ACCEPT FUNDS FOR PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP ARTS, CULTURE, TRIBAL ARTS & CULTURE, HISTORIC PRESERVATION, ARCHAEOLOGY, HUMANITIES, OPPORTUNITIES FOR CURRENT AND FUTURE GENERATIONS

WHEREAS, Jefferson County Resolution 10-2007 documents many historical events in the County, lists many Cultural Institutions in the County, and recognizes that Jefferson County is home to many individuals with talents across the cultural fields. We encourage arts, culture, Tribal arts & culture, historic preservation, archeology, humanities, genealogy, natural and heritage tourism, landscapes, etc. (hereinafter called 'Culture') and related economic sector assets, initiatives, designations, signage, awards, grants, etc. (hereinafter called 'Designations') for current and future generations, and

WHEREAS, Jefferson County recognizes that Culture is an under-represented economic sector in the County, with vast opportunity for growth and, therefore, with growth in funding, volunteer, research and documentation, interpretation and education, planning, marketing, management, curator, collections, teacher, staff, scholarship, child-based program, master level class, exhibits, call for artists, visiting artist, grant writing, library, archives, land, bricks and mortar, preservation, maintenance and repair, parking, office operations, storage, endowment, website, literature, designations, and other needs; and

WHEREAS, Jefferson County recognizes the privilege, responsibility, and need to participate in Public-Private Partnership Cultural Grants, Designations, etc.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Jefferson County Commission seek to improve the quality of life of and to serve with integrity for current and future generations.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Jefferson County affirms its willingness, after County procedures are followed, to participate in and accept funds for Public-Private Cultural Grants, Designations, etc. Entities include Certified Local Governments, Main Street Communities, Save America's Treasures, Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, National

Endowment for the Arts, National Endowment for the Humanities, US Department of Agriculture, local Government (e.g., Boulder and Whitehall, MT), Montana Government (e.g. Montana Arts Council's Cultural & Aesthetic Projects, etc.), 'local' US Government (e.g. Montana's Historical Society's State Historic Preservation Office for Preserve America), foundations, individuals, etc.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Jefferson County institutes this Resolution to address the need for more Culture.

DATED this 26th day of June, 2007.

ATTEST:

**BONNIE RAMEY
CLERK AND RECORDER**

KEN WEBER, CHAIR

TOMAS E. LYTHGOE, COMMISSIONER

CHUCK NOTBOHM, COMMISSIONER

Commissioner Weber moved to adopt the resolution. Commissioner Notbohm seconded. The motion carried.

RESOLUTION 14-2007 DISTRIBUTION OF METALLIFEROUS MINES LICENSE TAX
Commissioner Weber read the resolution as follows:

RESOLUTION 14-2007

DISTRIBUTION OF METALLIFEROUS MINES LICENSE TAX

WHEREAS, §15-37-117, MCA, requires that twenty-five percent (25%) of metalliferous

mines license taxes, collected by the State under the authority of Title 15, Chapter 37, Part 1, MCA, be distributed to the county in which the mine is located; and

WHEREAS, § 15-37-117, MCA, requires the County Commissioners of such county to allocate those sums received by them, from said metalliferous mines license taxes collected by the State, as follows:

(1) Not less than forty percent (40%) to the County Hard Rock Mine Trust Reserve Account established under § 7-6-2225, MCA; and

(2) All money, not allocated to the said County Hard Rock Mine Trust Reserve Account, is to be allocated as follows:

- (a) 33~~a~~% to the County Metal Mines Tax Reserve Account for planning or economic development activities;
- (b) 33~~a~~% to the elementary school districts Metal Mines Tax Reserve Account, within the County, that have been affected by the development or operation of the metal mines; and,
- (c) 33~~a~~% to the high school districts Metal Mines Tax Reserve Account within the County that have been affected by the development of operation of the metal mine; and

WHEREAS, there are several metalliferous mines located within the boundaries of Jefferson County; and

WHEREAS, Jefferson County government has recently received \$117,685.84 as its share of such metalliferous mines license taxes collected from the metalliferous mines within Jefferson County,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Jefferson County Board of Commissioners as follows:

1. That forty percent (40%) of such total sum of \$117,685.84 shall be allocated to and placed in, the County Hard Rock Mine Trust Reserve Fund 2895 established under § 7-6-2225, MCA.

2. That all such sums, held in the above-referenced Hard Rock Mine Trust Reserve Fund and/or above-numbered fund(s) on behalf of the above-named school districts and Jefferson County, shall remain in such account and shall be properly accounted for under the appropriate

fund number or numbers established for the same. Further, such sums shall be appropriated by the governing body of Jefferson County, and/or distributed thereby, only in accordance with the provision of § 7-6-2226, MCA.

3. That sixty percent (60%) of such total sum of \$117,685.84 shall be allocated to, and placed in, the County Metal Mines Tax Reserve Account established under § 7-6-2226, MCA.

4. That one-third (⅓) of the said sixty percent (60%) placed in the County Metal Mines Tax Reserve Account pursuant to the preceding Paragraph No. 3 shall be placed in Economic Development and Planning Account No. 2320. Such sums to be paid to said account (totaling at this time, the sum of \$23,537.17) shall only be used for planning or economic development activities.

5. That one-third (⅓) of the said sixty percent (60%), placed in the County Metal Mines Tax Reserve Account pursuant to the above Paragraph No. 3, shall be allocated and appropriated to the benefit of the following elementary school districts, affected by the development or operation of the several metal mines, or a pro-rata basis determined from the license taxes collected from the mine or mines within each such school district:

(i) To the Cardwell Elementary School District No. 16, the total sum of \$11,688.98 to be placed in said School District's Account No. 7716;

(ii) To the Whitehall Elementary School District No. 4-47, the total sum of \$11,688.98 to be placed in said School District's Account No. 7713;

(iii) To the Clancy Elementary School District No. 1, the total sum of \$53.07 to be placed in said School District's Account No. 7712;

(iv) To the Boulder Elementary School District No. 7, the total sum of \$53.07 to be placed in said School District's Account No. 7715;

(v) To the Basin Elementary School District No. 5, the total sum of \$53.07 to be placed in said School District's Account No. 7714;

6. That one-third (⅓) of the said sixty percent (60%), placed in the County Metal Mines Tax Reserve Account pursuant to the above Paragraph No. 3, shall be allocated and appropriated to the benefit of the following high school districts, affected by the development or operation of the several metal mines, on a pro-rata basis determined from the license taxes collected from the mine or mines within each such school district:

(i) To the Whitehall High School District No. 2, the total sum of \$23,377.95 to be placed in said School District's Account No. 7762;

(ii) To the Boulder High School District No 1, the total sum of \$159.22 to be placed in said School District's Account No. 7761.

DATED this 26th day of June, 2007.

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OPEN AND AWARD LEGAL ADVERTISING BID

Commissioner Weber stated that two bids have been submitted for consideration. The bids were as follows:

~ <u>Monitor/Courier</u> :	Folios: 1 st run	\$9.00 - per MCA
	2 nd run	7.00 - per MCA
	Column inch	4.00 - <i>Courier</i>
		4.50 - <i>Monitor</i>
~ <u>Whitehall Ledger</u>	Folios: 1 st run	\$7.00
	2 nd run	5.00
	Column inch	4.00

Commissioner Weber moved to accept the bid from the *Whitehall Ledger*. Commissioner Notbohm seconded. The motion carried.

DISCUSS JOINT RESOLUTION WITH THE CITY OF BOULDER

Judy Saarinen, co-chair of the Boulder Housing Advisory Board, stated that they are coming

before the City and the County Commission asking for support. They have formed the Boulder Housing Advisory Board and hope to build seven houses this year; they are also hoping to start on senior housing. Commissioner Weber stated that he is personally very supportive of the project, and this group has been very responsive. Commissioner Notbohm stated that it is good to see what is going on. Commissioner Weber noted that this item is on the agenda the following week for a final decision.

RICK HOTALING - BLM - DISCUSS DRAFT RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLAN

Rick Hotaling stated that the resource management plan is now out for public comment. The 90-day comment period ends in September. Rick gave an overview of the different alternatives, and stated that they will be holding six public meetings in July. Commissioner Notbohm asked if any comments have been received yet. Rick stated that they have received some. Commissioner Notbohm asked how much is in the Clancy/Unionville travel plan. Rick stated that he is not sure off the top of his head how many acres are involved. He noted that there are also a lot of small parcels outside of the area. Commissioner Notbohm stated that regarding vegetation and timber, they always speak of historic conditions. However, if you look at old pictures, there is much more timber today than then. Looking at water flow, etc., so much is affected by the amount of trees, as well as conifer encroachment. The environmentalists like to talk about roads causing problems, but it is the forest. Rick stated that the Forest Service and BLM are their own worst enemies; they have convinced people that lush forests are normal and good, but there is no old growth. Most of the forests in the area are the same age; they want to try to get back to a multi-age forest.

Commissioner Notbohm moved to adjourn. Commissioner Weber seconded.

MEETING ADJOURNED

ATTEST:

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